



Activity 3 Writing

The Longman Language Activator helps you when you are composing a passage, a letter, etc.

Exercise 3.1

You have been asked to write descriptions of a new bridal gown for a wedding fashion magazine. (This means, of course, that you have to say nice things about it!) Often it is useful to prepare a list of words before you begin to write. Look at **BEAUTIFUL** in the Longman Language Activator and make a list of eight words that you could use to describe the outfit in the picture.

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Check your work in the Answer Key

Exercise 3.2

Now replace the word *beautiful* in the following text with different words from your list. Write the sentences out again below.

Pia is wearing a *beautiful* new creation by Giorgio Feriman: a *beautiful* wedding gown in traditional but *beautiful* white. It is worn here with a *beautiful* pearl necklace and a *beautiful* headpiece.



Check your work in the Answer Key

Exercise 3.3

Two students have written about themselves in English as part of a college magazine. They are not sure if they are using some of the English words correctly. They have marked the words they are not happy about. Use the Longman Language Activator to check if the words are appropriate. (Some of them are fine!) Make any changes you think are necessary.

a. Xiao Mei, age 22

I was born in Hong Kong. Both of my parents went there in the 1960s from Guangdong province. They **travelled? (1)** down the river overnight and crossed the border illegally. They had to stay in camp for 3 years before they **were let to? (2)** stay in the colony. Members of their family then helped them to settle in and they **located? (3)** jobs in the new electronics industry.

I went to primary school in Kowloon. We had a flat with two rooms and I **resided? (4)** there with my two other sisters and my mother and father. I went to a good high school and studied to get into University. The Hong Kong examination system is very **severe? (5)** but I was very lucky and got a place at the new Hong Kong Scientific and Technical University. I want to **wind up? (6)** my degree here and then **initiate? (7)** my own computer design business.

b. Jean-Michel, age 27

Like my parents, I was born in Nancy. My family **was composed of? (1)** four boys and a girl. I was the youngest boy and I think I was rather **spoilt? (2)** because they were all so kind to me.

The first **memory? (3)** I have is **about? (4)** my fifth birthday party. I remember **strongly? (5)** how frightened I was when a friend pulled a snake out of my jacket pocket. I **stripped it? (6)** immediately and **refused wearing? (7)** it for the rest of the party.

My life has not been unusual. I attended the Lycée and the Engineering College in Nancy. Now I **possess? (8)** my own apartment and have a job with a company that **specializes about? (9)** road construction.

c. You!

Write about your own life in the same way. Use the Longman Language Activator to add as much variety to the vocabulary as you can.

If you are doing this activity in class, read a partner's account and let them read yours. Discuss the vocabulary choices you have made and use the Longman Language Activator to make any improvements you feel would be helpful.